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Teruo ASHIKAWA, et al.

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

I. Introduction

In the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges Applicants election of Species VI, of which at least added claims 29-38 read on. Consequently, the Examiner has withdrawn claims 1-28 from further consideration, as being drawn to non-elected Species I-V and VII-VIII.

The Examiner rejects examined claims 29-38 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Morita et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,186,955 (hereinafter "Morita") in view of Perkins et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,342,442 (hereinafter "Perkins").

Applicants traverse the rejection of claims 29-38 as follows.